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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY RE MALAWIAN DETAINEE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM REP. DANIEL FLOOD FOR INFORMATION ON PRESENT STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF BARRON MKWAILA WHO ALLEGEDLY IMPRISONED BY GOM SINCE APRIL 7, 1972. DEPARTMENT WILL FORWARD INTERIM RESPONSE TO REP. FLOOD INDICATING THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE ON MKWAILA OR WHICH IT MAY BE ABLE DEVELOP WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING HIM FURTHER.

2. ACCORDING LETTER TO REP. FLOOD FROM MR. AND MRS. DANIEL KLEM, JR. (OF ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE, ILL.), MKWAILA RETURNED TO MALAWI FROM ABROAD (PRESUMABLY FROM US) IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER 1971 AND LAST WROTE TO KLEM ON FEBRUARY 14, 1972 FROM BVUMBWE RESEARCH STATION, BOX 5748, LIMBE. UP TO THAT TIME MKWAILA'S CORRESPONDENCE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE IN ANY DIFFICULTY. KLEM LEARNED FROM "FRIENDS FAMILIAR WITH BARRON'S PLIGHT" THAT MKWAILA WAS INITIALLY IMPRISONED IN DZELEKA DETENTION CAMP AND THAT WHILE THERE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE MAIL. KLEM WROTE TO MKWAILA ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1973 AT DZELEKA BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE LEARNED FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED

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SOURCE IN MALAWI THAT PRISONER HAS BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER

FACILITY WHERE HE NOT REPEAT NOT PERMITTED RECEIVE MAIL.
LATTER FACILITY NOT IDENTIFIED. KLEMS APPEAR TO BE CLOSE
FRIENDS OF MKWAILA AND IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT LATTER
MAY HAVE BEEN STUDENT HERE ALTHOUGH KLEM LETTER DOES NOT
SO INDICATE.

3. DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPY OF KLEM LETTER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE
ON MKWAILA. RUSH

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